

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of ~~an application~~ U.S. Application No. 10/774,310 entitled SPRING ASSIST KNIFE, filed on Feb. 6, 2004 ~~by Express Mail, Label No. EL979145967US~~, the full disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.